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SUBJ: VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE WHICH GOA MOD PRE-
POSES TO RELEASE TUESDAY MARCH 15 IN CANBERRA:

QTE VISIT BY US DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENCE
(STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
THE HON. L.H. BARNARD, M.P.)

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, MR. BARNARD, SAID TODAY THAT
FOLLOWING HIS INVITATION WHEN IN WASHINGTON LAST AUGUST THE
US DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENCE THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM P.
CLEMENTS JNR. WOULD BE VISITING AUSTRALIA THIS WEEK.

QTE MR. CLEMENTS WILL ARRIVE AT LEARMONTH ON WEDNESDAY
AND MAKE BRIEF CALLS AT US/AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FACILITIES
BEFORE ARRIVING IN CANBERRA ON THURSDAY. MR. BARNARD SAID
THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH MR.CLEMENTS ON FRIDAY AND WOULD
TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VARIOUS MATTERS
OF COMMON INTEREST TO AUSTRALIAN AND US DEFENCE MINISTRIES.
QTE THIS WILL BE MR. CLEMENTS FIRST VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AS
DEPUTY-SECRETARY OF DEFENCE. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS.

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CLEMENTS AND ADVISERS FROM THE US DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENCE

AND STATE. END QTE. PLEASE INFORM US SOONEST IF RELEASE
IS ACCEPTABLE. NO FURTHER RELEASES, PRESS CONFERENCES OR
INTERVIEWS ARE PLANNED.

2. PRITCHETT, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENCE'S DEFENCE PLANNING DIVISION CALLED CHARGE TO RE-
QUEST THAT ANY WASHINGTON ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE DEPUTY SECRE-
TARY'S PACIFIC TRIP OMIT SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES OF
ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AT VARIOUS STOPS IN AUSTRALIA.
ADOD WOULD REALLY PREFER THAT THE THREE STOPS PRIOR TO
CANBERRA NOT BE NAMED IN ANY ADVANCE RELEASE.
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